

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for use with an associated vehicle, the vehicle having a platform with a length L4, the platform having first and second wheel wells positioned substantially opposite each other and having a length L2 therebetween, said apparatus comprising:

a tank having a bottom portion and a top portion, said bottom portion having a length L1 and said top portion having a length L3;

said bottom portion of said tank being adapted to be received by the platform;
and,

wherein said length L1 is less than the length L2 and said length L3 is less than the length L4 but greater than the length L2 thereby forming overhanging sections on opposite sides of the top portion that extend past the lower portion of the tank, the tank being positionable fore and aft on the platform by sliding the tank between the wheel wells.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said tank further comprises a first top panel, said first top panel being substantially horizontal, said first top panel having a first surface, and said first surface being adapted to receive an associated pump.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said first surface is adapted to receive an associated engine.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said first top panel further comprises a second surface, said second surface being adapted to receive an associated reel.

5. (Currently amended) An apparatus for use with an associated vehicle, the vehicle having a platform with first and second wheel wells, the first and second wheel wells positioned substantially opposite each other, the apparatus comprising:

a tank having a top and a bottom portion the tank being positionable fore and aft on the platform by sliding the tank between the wheel wells;

wherein said bottom portion of said tank has a length that is smaller than the length between said first and second wheel wells such that the tank is adapted to be received by the platform between the first and second wheel wells and the top portion of the tank has a length that is greater than said length between said first and second wheel wells thereby forming overhanging sections on opposite sides of the top portion that extend past the lower portion of the tank.

6. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said bottom portion of said tank has a length L1, the first and second wheel wells have a length L2 therebetween, and said length L1 is less than the length L2.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said top portion of said tank has a length L3, the platform has a length L4, and said length L3 is substantially equal to the length L4.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said top portion of said tank has a length L3, the platform has a length L4, and said length L3 is less than the length L4.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said tank further comprises a first top panel, said first top panel being substantially horizontal, said first top panel having a first surface, and said first surface being adapted to receive an associated pump.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said first surface is adapted to receive an associated engine.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said first top panel further comprises a second surface and said second surface is adapted to receive a reel.

12. (Previously presented) A sprayer system for use with an associated vehicle with a platform having first and second wheel wells positioned substantially opposite each other and having a length L2 therebetween, the sprayer system being positionable fore and aft on the platform by sliding the system between the wheel wells, the sprayer system comprising:

a tank having a bottom portion with a length L1, said bottom portion of said tank being adapted to be received by the platform and said length L1 being less than the length L2, said tank further having a top portion with a length L3, said length L3 being greater than the length L2 thereby forming overhanging sections on opposite sides of the top portion that extend past the lower portion of the tank, the tank being adapted to slide on the platform past the wheel wells with the overhanging sections of the top section passing over the wheel wells;

a frame operatively attached to said tank and the associated vehicle;

a pump operatively attached to said tank; [[and,]]

an engine operatively attached to said pump; and

a hose and reel operatively attached to said tank adapted to dispense the contents of said tank via said pump, said reel mounted at least partially on one of overhanging sections of the upper portion so that the hose is adjacent a first side of the truck and accessible from said first side.

13. (Original) The sprayer system of claim 12, wherein said tank has a first top panel with a first surface and said first surface is adapted to receive said engine.

14. (Original) The sprayer system of claim 13, wherein said first surface is adapted to receive said pump.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) The sprayer system of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 14, wherein said first top panel has a second surface, said second surface being adapted to receive said reel.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) The sprayer system of claim ~~[[17]]~~ 16, wherein said hose is adapted to be received by said reel.

19. (Currently amended) A sprayer system for use with an associated vehicle, the vehicle including a platform with first and second wheel wells, the first and second wheel wells positioned substantially opposite each, the sprayer system being positionable fore and aft on the platform by sliding the system between the wheel wells, said sprayer system comprising:

a tank having a top and a bottom portion, said bottom portion having a length L1 and said top portion having a length L3, said length L1 being less than said length L3 thereby forming overhanging sections on opposite sides of the top portion that extend past the lower portion of the tank;

said bottom portion of said tank being adapted to be received by the platform wherein said length L1 is smaller than the length between said first and second wheel wells such that the tank is adapted to be received between the first and second wheel wells and the length L3 is greater than said length between said first and second wheel wells so that the tank is adapted to slide on the platform past the wheel wells with the overhanging sections of the top section passing over the wheel wells;

a pump operatively attached to said tank; ~~[[and,]]~~

an engine operatively attached to said pump; and

a hose and reel operatively attached to said tank adapted to dispense the contents of said tank via said pump, said reel mounted at least partially on one of overhanging sections of the upper portion so that the hose is adjacent a first side of the truck and accessible from said first side.

20. (Original) The sprayer system of claim 19, further including a frame operatively attached to said tank and the associated vehicle.

21. (Original) The sprayer system of claim 19, wherein said tank has a first top panel with a first surface and said first surface is adapted to receive said engine.

22. (Original) The sprayer system of claim 21, wherein said first surface is adapted to receive said pump.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) The sprayer system of claim ~~[[23]]~~ 22, wherein said first top panel has a second surface, said second surface being adapted to receive said reel.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) The sprayer system of claim ~~[[25]]~~ 24, wherein said hose is adapted to be received by said reel.

27. (Currently amended) A method of mounting a sprayer system on a vehicle, comprising the steps of:

providing a tank having a bottom portion with a length L1 and a top portion with a length L3, L3 being greater than L1 thereby forming overhanging sections on opposite sides of the top portion that extend past the lower portion of the tank;

providing a vehicle having a platform with first and second wheel wells positioned substantially opposite each other and having a length L2 therebetween, L2 being greater than L1 but less than L3;

said tank being positioned on said platform at a first position aft of the wheel wells;

moving said tank from said first position past said wheel wells to a second position forward of said wheel wells by sliding the system between the wheel wells with the overhanging sections of the top section passing over the wheel wells.

28. (New) The sprayer system of claim 12, wherein said first side is opposite a driver's side of the vehicle.

29. (New) The sprayer system of claim 19, wherein said first side is opposite a driver's side of the vehicle.